

Benton County Disability Advisory Committee
Plan to Improve Accessibility of Elections
For Voters with Disabilities

1. Number of Poll Sites

Benton County will have three (3) poll sites for accessible voting devices. The poll sites will be open twenty (20) days prior to the election from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and Election Day from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.

2. How the Number of Poll Sites Was Determined

Benton County decided on three (3) poll sites because each site is centrally located and within easy driving distance to accommodate all of Benton County's voters.

3. Locations

Poll Sites and Drop Off Sites:

Benton County Auditor
Benton County Courthouse
620 Market St
Prosser, WA 99350

Benton County Auditor
Kennewick Annex
5600 W Canal Pl
Kennewick, WA 99336

Benton County Auditor
Richland Annex
101 Wellsian Way, Ste E
Richland, WA 99352

4. Community Outreach

Benton County will present an ongoing voter education program to area service clubs, service organizations, senior centers, and local news media. The message has been and will continue to be that DAU's (Disability Access Units) will be available twenty (20) days prior to the election and Election Day.

5. Transportation of Voting Devices

Benton County will transport the sealed DAU's (Disability Access Units), via a county vehicle by county election staff.

6. Implementation of the Provisions of Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

This plan has been implemented to help accommodate disabled voters in Benton County. Trained election staff will be available to assist voters, in all three (3) locations, twenty (20) days prior to each election and on Election Day.

7. Training on How to Help Voters

HART, Benton County's vendor for voting equipment, provided training for the county election staff.

8. Areas Where People with Disabilities Can Participate

Members of the disabled community have been invited to participate in Benton County's Disability Advisory Committee.

9. Future Goals

Explore additional options for accessible voting for the disabled community, including a mobile access "poll site".

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